

Memorandum Reporting a Conference Between  
Representatives of FDRL and PM (Osdene and Carpenter),  
dated January 13, 1967 (1001600104)

SUMMARY

This memorandum discusses the work PM contracted FDRL to perform in 1967. The memorandum contains the following statements: "Interest was expressed in new or more advance techniques for a tobacco testing program. Mr. Goldhamer [of the FDRL] suggested some basic work in experimental pulmonary tumor induction (benz-a-pyrene in dust notes) which was described at an international conference in Tokyo last year. He also suggested extension of Laskin's rat work. Dr. Osdene felt that Philip Morris should wait for a significant breakthrough in cancer research before agreeing to support studies in this politically sensitive area."

Under the court's post-1966 ruling, this document should be excluded in its entirety, since it deals exclusively with PM research post-1966 and would not be relevant to third party claims.

CROSS POINTS

1. The research suggested by FDRL would have utilized new techniques in cancer research which at the time had not yet been proven effective. This document shows nothing more than Osdene's reluctance to spend a substantial amount of money on techniques which were still new and untested.

2. Harris cannot know what the author of this document meant by "politically sensitive area." Since PM clearly sponsored biological research in areas relating to smoking and health, Harris must admit that this passage cannot mean that PM refused to sponsor any biological research at all.

3. Harris must acknowledge that FDRL prepared the document. Thus, Harris does not know what Osdene actually said, including whether he ever used the words "politically sensitive area."

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